

To his own selection was conceded the choice of these followers, with the exclusion, however, of Savary and Lallemand, who were on no account to be permitted any further to share his fortunes. This prohibition gave considerable alarm to those individuals, who became excessively anxious as to their future disposal, and declared that to deliver them up to the vengeance of the Bourbons would be a violation of faith and honor.

Napoleon himself complained bitterly on the subject of his destination, and said, "The idea of it is horrible to me. To be placed for life on an island within the tropics, at an immense distance from any land, cut off from all communication with the world, and everything that I hold dear in it! — c'wt pis qne la caye defer d& Tamerlan. I would prefer being delivered up to the Bourbons. Among other insults," said he, — "but that is a mere bagatelle, a very secondary consideration— they style me 'General P' They can have no right to call me General; they may as well call me * Archbishop/ for I wan head of the Church as well an of the Army. If they do not acknowledge me as Emperor they ought as First Consul ; they have scut ambassadors to me as such; and your King, in his letters, styled me. * Brother.' Had they confined me in the Tower of London, or one of the fortresses in England (though not what I had hoped from the generosity of the English people), I should not have so much cause of complaint; but to banish me to an island within the tropics! They might as well have signed my death-warrant at once, for it is impossible a man of my habit of body can live long in such a climate." *

Having BO expressed himself, he wrote a second letter to the Prince Regent, which was forwarded through Lord Keith. It was the opinion of Generals Montholon and Gourgaud that Bonaparte would sooner kill himself than go to St. Helena. This idea arose from his having been heard emphatically to exclaim, "I will *not* go to St. Helena!" The generals, indeed,

• • • J Captain Maitland's Narrative.